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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 50.3 degrees, 5.3 degrees above normal for the week ending November 9. Precipitation averaged 0.26 inches, 0.41 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 10 points above normal.

Reporters rated 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 7. This is 0.7 days more than last year but 0.5 days less than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	4.9	4.2	125.2
2002	4.2	4.0	153.7
1998-2002	5.4	5.4	158.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	81	19
Last Week	0	1	76	23
Same Week Last Year	5	21	66	8
1998-2002 Average	5	19	70	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS **WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Farmers have 74 percent of **Corn** for grain harvested. This is six days behind 2002 and five days behind the 1998-2002 average. Producers have 96 percent of **Soybeans** harvested. This is five days ahead of 2002 and the same as the five-year average. Ninety-four percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is one day ahead of 2002 and two days ahead of the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 77 percent of **Sugarbeets** harvested. The **Grape** harvest is 95 percent complete.

Fall temperatures returned as the first full week of November came to an end. Night time temperatures dipped into the 20's across much of the state this past weekend. Field work slowed in some areas which received rain this past week but for the most part proceeded as normal. The soybean harvest is nearing its completion with many in the farming community preparing fields for next year's crop. The corn harvest remains a few days behind due to high moisture content and wet fields. The vast majority of winter wheat has been planted and most of the wheat has emerged. Christmas tree growers are starting to harvest trees for the Holiday season. Many livestock producers are culling parts of their herds to take advantage of high beef prices.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Winter wheat was rated at 76 percent good to excellent condition. Respondents have indicated the frosts are starting to have an effect on pastures. Livestock are reported to be doing very well with fall calving proceeding as normal.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn harvested for grain	74	84	83	53	85
Grapes harvested	95	100	100	88	NA
Soybeans harvested	96	95	96	93	91
Sugarbeets harvested	77	99	NA	46	97
Winter wheat emerged	94	93	92	74	79

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	20	60	16
Previous Week	0	3	25	56	16
Previous Year	0	2	21	57	20

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	47.3	3.5	0.10	-0.44	31.97	7.80	28	7	3029	-105
North Central	48.9	4.6	0.05	-0.58	30.54	5.53	34	12	3018	-69
Northeast	49.6	5.4	0.12	-0.71	36.19	9.42	31	10	2774	-138
West Central	49.8	5.1	0.10	-0.48	35.34	9.61	39	14	3210	-70
Central	51.0	5.7	0.15	-0.50	34.54	8.32	38	11	3269	-53
Central Hills	49.9	5.7	0.11	-0.59	34.01	7.56	37	13	3019	-52
Northeast Hills	50.5	5.6	0.25	-0.52	34.96	8.63	35	10	3063	-57
Southwest	50.6	4.6	0.16	-0.48	33.81	6.36	41	10	3411	-69
South Central	53.3	6.5	0.88	0.18	36.72	10.49	43	8	3519	-24
Southeast	51.8	6.2	0.57	-0.17	34.33	7.89	39	9	3257	-62
STATE	50.3	5.3	0.26	-0.41	34.25	8.18	36	10	3174	-70

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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